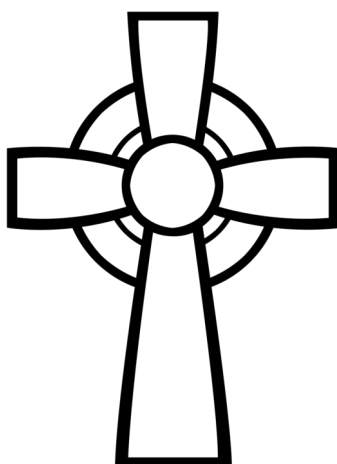


New Hope  
Presbyterian Church



February 23, 2014

## **WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT NEW HOPE**

*We are grateful you have joined us today and invite you to participate fully  
in the worship, education, and mission life of our church.*

### **During Today's Worship**

**Large-print bulletins and hearing enhancement equipment are available** for ease of worship. An usher will be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit to the sound booth at the rear of the sanctuary.

**Children are especially welcome in our worship services**, because faith is formed by the practices that shape it. Red worship bags for young children (non-readers) and blue bags for older children (readers) may be found on the wall outside the sanctuary. An usher will help you locate one. If you would like a worship bag with your child's name on it, you may fill out a request form on the Welcome Table or call the church office (936.2200). Parents who prefer child care will find the infant nursery on the first floor and the Pre-K nursery on the lower-level.

**Worship Feast**, an experience to help elementary-age children develop awareness of God's presence and openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices, is available during the 11:00 service. Children who wish to participate will be dismissed after the Gospel Reading.

**Preparing for worship...**Please silence cell phones upon entering the sanctuary. The need may arise for you to exit the service early. If so, please refrain from exiting during prayers, reading of scripture and choral anthems. Natural and appropriate exit points are during congregational hymns or sung responses. Your courtesy is appreciated. Also, as a kindness to fellow worshippers, please do not take flash photos during the worship service.

**Coins for Concern...**All loose coins in the offering baskets go toward the youth mission trip to New Orleans. The Ministry, Mission & Evangelism (MME) Committee has challenged the congregation with the goal of \$1000 in loose change, so let those offering baskets jingle!

**Ushering for today's worship:** (8:45) Jerry & Rhonda Dyer (11:00) Jerry Brown, Kim & Linda Carr, Mel Fairchild, Jim Pettit, Bill & Ruth Reilly

**Flowers:** To the glory of God and in loving memory of Katherine Grundy, given by the Grundy family.

**Liturgist:** Deacon Bill Judd

**Acolyte:** (11:00) Matthew Taylor     **Water-bearer:** (11:00) Grace James

**Sound Booth Technician:** (8:45) Neal Powers     (11:00) Richard Taylor

**Last Sunday's Attendance:** 205

### **If You Are New to New Hope**

**Information about our church** can be found at the Welcome Table in the foyer.

### **New Hope Cares**

**For pastoral care** and to notify the church of illness, hospitalization, or death, please contact the Church Office at 636/936.2200 (office@newhopepc.org). To arrange or home bound Communion, contact Pastor James at cqjames@newhopepc.org or 936.2200 x.11.

# ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## *Seventh Sunday after Epiphany*

February 23, 2014

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

### **THE GATHERING**

*As the people gather, worshipers greet one another, welcoming newcomers.  
Please silence cell phones and pagers.*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

+ GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prayer of Preparation

*The start of the Prelude signals the time to enter a period of quiet reflection.*

*This prayer is offered as an aid to help worshipers center the heart and mind for worship.*

Almighty God,  
you make the sun rise on the evil and on the good,  
send rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous.  
Give us grace to follow your example  
and show kindness toward friend and enemy,  
that we may live as your children  
who testify to your all-inclusive love. Amen.

*Matt. 5:45*

+ \*DOXOLOGY (*Glory to God* 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH LM

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

\*OPENING SENTENCES

You are God's temple;

*Lev. 19:2; 1 Cor. 3:16,23*

God's Spirit dwells in you.

**Let us be holy, for holy is the Lord.**

You belong to Christ,

and Christ belongs to God.

**Let us be holy, for holy is the Lord.**

+ \*HYMN 301

*Let Us Build a House*

TWO OAKS

\*THE CONFESSION

**God of glory, we confess**

**that we have not sought your face.**

**We love to hate our enemies**

and fail to love our neighbors.  
 We love to quote commandments  
 and fail to love our God.  
 Forgive us; give us grace.  
 Teach us the way of your Word,  
 and transform our living  
 to show the wonder of your love  
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Worshippers may reflect on this prayer and offer personal confession in silence.*

#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

...In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God.**

#### THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

*Greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding, "And also with you."*

#### RESPONSE OF PRAISE

*Glory Be to the Father (Glory to God 581)*

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen. Amen.***

#### THE WORD

##### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

##### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18

##### PSALTER

Psalm 119: 33-40

*The cantor will sing the verses and the congregation will sing the refrain.*

Refrain Hal H. Hopson

O Lord, my de-light, my de-light is in your law.

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<sup>33</sup> Teach me the demands of your statutes,  
 and I will keep them to the end.

<sup>34</sup> Train me to observe your law,  
 to keep it with my heart. (R)

<sup>35</sup> Guide me in the path of your commands,  
 for there is my delight.

<sup>36</sup> Bend my heart to your will  
 and not to love of gain. (R)

<sup>37</sup> Keep my eyes from what is false;  
 by your word give me life.

<sup>38</sup> Keep the promise you have made  
 to the servant who fears you. (R)

<sup>39</sup> Keep me from the scorn I dread,  
 for your decrees are good.

<sup>40</sup> See, I long for your precepts;  
 then, in your justice, give me life. (R)

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23

\*THE GOSPEL

THE ACCLAMATION *Raise a Song of Gladness (Glory to God 155)*

JUBILATE DEO

***Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.***

***Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.***

***Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!***

***Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!***

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5: 38-48

THE ALLELUIA *(Glory to God 587)*

CELTIC ALLELUIA

***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Alleluia! Alleluia!***

SERMON

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*✠ In silent prayer and reflection you may renew the covenant into which you are baptized. If you would like to learn more about this sacrament, Pastor James would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about it.*

\*HYMN 769

*For Everyone Born*

FOR EVERYONE BORN

### ***THE EUCHARIST***

OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS

*(11:00)* ANTHEM

*Holy*

arr. Tom Fetkke

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues. After the words, "... who forever sing to the glory of your name:" the congregation sings,*

***...Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,***

***heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*The prayer continues. After the words, "Great is the mystery of faith," the congregation proclaims,*

**...Christ has died;  
Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues and ends with the Lord's Prayer...*

**...Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Upon extending the bread and cup toward the congregation...*

Holy things for holy people.

**Only one is holy, one is Lord:  
Jesus Christ to the glory of God.**

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*☞ All the baptized may come to the Table at the center and return by the outside aisles. You may take the bread, dip it into the chalice and partake of both together (intinction), or you may partake of the bread and then proceed to partake of the juice from the tray of individual cups. Gluten-free bread is available at the station to the left as you approach the Table (with Pastor James).*

#### PRAYER AFTER THE MEAL

### ***THE SENDING***

\*HYMN 546

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS

\*BLESSING & CHARGE

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\*Please rise in body or spirit.

+ Those arriving may be seated.



## **“I’ve Been Wondering...” FAQs about Worship**

### ***What if I feel moved to receive Communion, but am not baptized?***

The Lord’s Supper and Baptism are inseparable. If you feel called by the Holy Spirit to meet Christ in Communion, we believe that you are also being called to Baptism. We will not turn anyone away from the Lord’s Table, but we do invite you to speak to the pastor or a member of the session about Baptism as soon as possible.

For more information about the relationship between Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, see the Presbyterian Church (USA) Directory for Worship (especially W-2.4006 and W-2.4011) and *Invitation to Christ: A Guide to Sacramental Practices*, available online at [www.pcusa.org/sacraments](http://www.pcusa.org/sacraments).

### ***Why does worship always begin with the greeting, “Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”? Why not simply, “Good morning”?***

We never want to underestimate the power and importance of words. Such a greeting as “Good morning” is something we say to each other all the time and it constitutes “polite” speech. The reality, however, is that it is not always a “good” morning. Consider the man who just lost his job, or the woman who is mourning the death of a loved one. The quality of the day is beside the point of our gathering. We gather as Christians for worship not because it’s a “good morning” or a “glorious day,” because often it’s not. We come together as the Church because of Jesus the Christ. Paul often addressed his congregations: “Grace to you and peace in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Or “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all” (2 Cor. 13:14). That is not something you will hear that at a Rotary meeting or the Elk’s Lodge. A greeting like this signifies that we are called together by a power far greater than ourselves. It sets the tone for *this* assembly.

### ***Why do we say “Amen” at the end of prayers?***

“Amen” is a Hebrew word that can be translated “so be it” or “may it be so” or even “yes” though it has always been voiced in the liturgy as an English transliteration. Worship is the activity of the whole people of God and the prayers prayed by the pastor or liturgist are not his or her own, but are prayed on behalf of the whole congregation. “Amen” is the congregation’s way of affirming what has been prayed in the liturgy on its behalf. In addition to being the assembly’s response to the prayers, the “Amen” voices the congregation’s assent at blessings, baptism, anointing and the sharing of the Lord’s Supper.

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Audrey Chipley, *Child Care Provider*  
Marion Hamilton, *Child Care Provider*  
Bailey Hight, *Child Care Provider*  
Vickie Moore, *Sexton*  
Cecilia Poma, *Sexton*

## ***Session***

*Fellowship*  
Jim Pettit (2014)  
Katie Harmon (2015)  
Craig Graber (2016)

*Formation for Discipleship*  
Susan Phillips (2014)  
Lauren Martinez (2014)  
Nancy Taylor (2015)  
Shelley Geiger (2016)

*Ministry, Mission & Evangelism*  
Ruth Irvine, Clerk (2014)  
Neal Powers (2015)  
Jim Salter (2016)

*Worship, Music & the Arts*  
Michael Ray (2015)  
Linda Dencker (2016)

*Administration & Support*  
Allen Sebaugh (2014)  
Rob Matheny (2015)  
Bill Pires (2016)

## ***Diaconate***

2014  
Kimm Besgrove  
Jennifer Everly  
Don Higgason  
Pat Murphy

2015  
Jerry Dyer  
Jackie Etling  
Bill Judd  
Kristen Moore  
Jim Phillips

2016  
Earl Bostic  
Ruth Connor  
Marion Hamilton  
Richard Taylor  
Stan Whiteley



News &  
Opportunities

Sunday, February 23rd

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
3:00 p.m.	Kids Fellowship Club	Lower Level
3:00 p.m.	Mid High Youth	Mid High Room
4:30 p.m.	Senior High Youth	Senior High Room
6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Senior High Room

Monday, February 24th

7:00 p.m.	Formation for Discipleship	Senior High Room
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Tuesday, February 25th

9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study	Senior High Room
1:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Conference Room
7:00 p.m.	A.A.	Worship Space

Wednesday, February 26th

10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting	Conference Room
6:15 p.m.	Handbell Practice	Worship Space
7:15 p.m.	Choir Practice	Worship Space

Sunday, March 2nd

8:45 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
9:45 a.m.	Christian Formation	Various Locations
11:00 a.m.	Word & Sacrament	Worship Space
12:15 p.m.	Session Coordinating Council	Conference Room
12:15 p.m.	Confirmation Class	Senior High Room
3:00 p.m.	Kids Fellowship Club	Lower Level
5:00 p.m.	Senior High Fundraising Dinner	Worship Space

ASH WEDNESDAY - SOUP SUPPER

Ash Wednesday (March 5th) marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of prayer, fasting, and preparation before Easter. In worship, at 7:00 pm, we will observe the imposition of ashes and share the Lord's Supper. Ashes, placed on the forehead in the sign of the cross, are a powerful symbol of both our own mortality and the need for repentance and forgiveness. Before worship, the Fellowship Committee will serve a simple soup supper at 5:45 pm, with breads, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and drinks. Cost: \$2.00 per person or \$5.00 per family. Sign-up inserts are available on the Welcome Table today. Please RSVP by placing the completed form in the offering plate along with your cash or check made out to NHPC and marked Soup Supper.

INQUIRER'S LUNCHEON

The Fellowship Committee is hosting an informal luncheon on Sunday, March 9th at 12:15 p.m. for those interested in uniting with our congregation in membership. This will be a time of conversation to get to know one another better and to answer any questions you might have about New Hope. Childcare will be available for those who need it. Please RSVP to Laurie Brown in the church office by calling (636) 936-2200, or e-mail lbrown@newhopepc.org.

CALLING ALL WATER & BIBLE BEARERS

Central to our faith formation, worship brings our community of faith together. As a part of worship, we highlight both the scripture we use, as well as remembering our baptisms through pouring water into the font. We are looking for youth to participate weekly in bearing the Bible and Water in our 11:00 am service. Typically, youth that have not been confirmed carry the Bible, and those who have been confirmed carry the water. Please sign up in either the Mid or Senior High rooms, or email Katie at ksternhagen@newhopepc.org.

PW SCHOLARSHIP

Attention New Hope graduating high school seniors:

Presbyterian Women is excited to announce the first annual scholarship for our graduating high school seniors. Applications for this \$1,000 merit scholarship are available beginning Sunday, Feb 23, 2014, on the Information Table in the narthex and on the church website. All applications are due to the church office by 2:00 pm, Sunday, March 23, 2014. The scholarship will be awarded on Sunday, May 4, 2014. For more information contact Ann Schmid, PW moderator, 636-699-2142, or ann\_schmid1@yahoo.com.

## CHILDREN

**Today, February 23rd**    **March 2nd**  
*Infant Nursery*  
Katie Harmon                      Alison Marshall  
*Pre-K Nursery*  
Linda Carr                          Volunteer Needed

**The infant nursery** is for babies & toddlers up to age two and is located in the Turtle Room upstairs. The Pre-K nursery is for ages 3-5 and is located in the Butterfly Room downstairs.

**Worship Feast**, for elementary aged children, is a special program that is designed to help children develop their innate connection to God and their natural openness to mystery through a variety of prayer practices.

Worship Feast Volunteers  
February 23rd - Nancy Taylor & Katie Sternhagen  
March 2nd - No Worship Feast

To sign up to volunteer in the infant nursery, pre-k nursery, or Worship Feast, use the following QR code.



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February 23rd - Bible Study and CRAZY GAMES!  
March 2nd - Kids in the Kitchen  
April 25th - Spring Overnight! Stay tuned for details!

## WORSHIP

**New Hope worships** each Sunday at 8:45 am and 11:00 am. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at both services.

**Lectionary for Sunday, March 2, 2014**  
Exodus 24: 12-18  
Psalm 2  
2 Peter 1: 16-21  
Matthew 17: 1-9

The Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 pm. Singers of all talents are needed and welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Brian Parrish at bparrish@newhopepc.org.

The Handbell Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 6:15 pm. For more information, please contact Terry Martinez.

## KFC & YOUTH SWIMMING

March 23, KFC and Youth Groups are going to the RENAUD CENTER for a WINTER SWIM PARTY. Time: 4:15 - 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$5.00/ person swimming. Younger siblings are welcome if parent is swimming with them!

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## MISSION

**FEBRUARY MEAL-A-MONTH**  
1 can chicken & dumplings, 1 can vegetables,  
1 can fruit, butter, 1 box/bag cookies, 1 plastic jar peanut butter

## YOUTH NEWS

**February 23rd** - Mid Highs are having a Mystery Party. Senior Highs are working on their Mardi Gras Dinner.

**March 2nd** - Senior High Mission Trip Fundraising Dinner! See below.

Get in touch with your inner-Cajun and be ready to celebrate the Senior High Mardi Gras dinner on March 2nd is around the corner! Doors open at 5p.m. Find a signup sheet on the information table, email Katie at ksternhagen@newhopepc.org, or call the church office at 636-936-2200 to reserve your spot today!

We are also collecting items and baskets to be auctioned off! Please turn them in to the church office no later than February 23rd! Thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing you on March 2nd at 5pm.

## SPOTLIGHT ON MISSIONS

Report on the Christmas Joy Offering:  
Thanks to your generosity, New Hope contributed \$1,378 to help support past, present, and future leaders of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Ever wondered why we collect shoes? Due in part to New Hope's shoe donations, Shoeman Water Projects and Strategic Water Teams sent 22 trained water specialists to Haiti for three weeks in January, 2014. They repaired eleven village hand pumps and installed or repaired ten water purification systems. Your donated shoes helped provide clean water for more than 60,000 people. Team members worked, played, and prayed with our Haitian sisters and brothers at every site. It's one way we share the living waters. Thank you.

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Save the date of Sunday, March 23rd for the next PW meeting! We will be celebrating our "Hats on for Cancer" that day and commemorating our donation to "Friends of Kids with Cancer." Look for more information in the Bulletin and on the PW Bulletin Board. Make plans to wear your hats on March 23rd!

Presbyterian Women Winter Cluster Gathering of the Mid/West South Cluster will be on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at the Egg and I Restaurant, 11692 Manchester Rd, Des Peres, MO 63131, phone 314-821-3447 The meeting will begin at 11 A.M., have a short devotion and offering for the Lydia House, then lunch at Noon for \$10.00 and at 12:45 a guest speaker. Dismissal will be about 1:30 P.M. Please contact Ann Schmid, 636-699-2142 with questions and/or make reservations through Ann. Make your \$10 check to Carol Jones with Winter Cluster on the memo line or cash. Give all checks and/or cash to Ann Schmid by Sunday, March 2nd.

PW will be sponsoring a basket(s) for the youth's silent auction on Sunday, March 2nd. Proceeds from the auction will go to the youth mission trip for 2014. The Coordinating Team has agreed to prepare the basket(s) on this Sunday, Feb. 23rd after the second service. We are inviting the women of the church to donate either an item or gift card to put in the basket(s). We also will accept small cash donations to cover the expenses for the baskets and additional items. All donations should be put in the white basket to the left of the Welcome Table by this Sunday, Feb. 23rd. Please put cash donations in an envelope. PW appreciates all the support from everyone as we encourage the positive work of our youth.